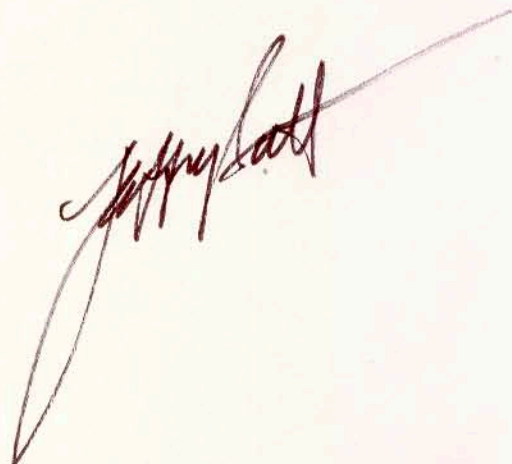


DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

"SERVANT OF EVIL"

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FADE IN:

EXTERIOR: BARREN VOLCANIC PEAKS - NIGHT

CAMERA PANS the hellish looking volcanic valley. The night sky is tinted by the reddish glow of smoldering lava, its glowing rivulets spreading from the charred and blackened craters. PUSH IN on the tallest volcano in the distance. There is a glow within its towering cone. One can just make out the shape of a creepy looking castle visible on its outer edge.

INSIDE THE VOLCANO CONE

the lava boils fiercely within the volcanic walls. CAMERA PANS to reveal an incredible prison, suspended over the middle of the lava from huge chains. There are various barred cubicles in the prison, each with a stranger prisoner inside it: gnomes, trolls, bullywugs, humans, etc. A pained and desperate MOANING AND GROANING can be heard over the bubbling and steaming lava.

ANGLE ON INNER EDGE OF VOLCANO RIM

There is a ledge of rocks where Venger stands with a giant named KARROX. Karrox holds a weak looking DWARF in chains. The dwarf drops to his knees before Venger.

DWARF

Venger! Have mercy on me! I'll
never disobey you again. Please,
do not put me in the Prison of Agony!

The dwarf grabs for Venger's feet. Venger kicks him off.

VENGER

You should be happy I do not feed
you to the dragons!

DRAMATIC UP ANGLE - VENGER

VENGER

All those who resist my evil
shall meet the same fate as you.

WIDER ANGLE

VENGER

(to Karrox)

Karrox! Put this sniveling dwarf
in the hottest cell, where he can
be reminded of my "warm" heart.

Karrox raises his massive arm, lifting up the chained dwarf.

DWARF

Noooooo!

ANOTHER ANGLE

as Karrox looks at the frightened dwarf. Karrox's evil face suddenly looks sympathetic. He lowers the dwarf to the ground, turns to Venger.

KARROX

I won't do it, Venger!

FAVORING PRISON

to see the creatures inside reaching out toward Venger as if to ask for his sympathy.

KARROX

I'm tired of putting these honest beings in prison for you!

WIDER ANGLE

Karrox turns, starts to leave.

KARROX

Do your own evil!

VENGER

(sinisterly calm)

Aren't you forgetting something, Karrox?

Karrox stops, looks back to Venger. PUSH IN as Venger sweeps his hand before him in an arching gesture. With a shimmering aura there appears before him the almost holographic image of a beautiful land, with rolling green hills and a large castle that towers over the countryside.

CLOSE ON KARROX

as he reacts with a gasp of longing.

KARROX

My...homeland!

BACK TO SCENE

VENGER

Yes! And unless you don't want it to look like this...

An evil grin comes across Venger's face.

CLOSER ON SHIMMERING IMAGE

Suddenly the ground quakes, the castle crumbles, cracks open up in the ground and flames shoot up from them. SFX: TO MATCH ACTION. The MUSIC STINGS!

WIDER ANGLE

VENGER

...you'll do exactly as I command!

As the image fades away Karrox looks at Venger with a broken expression. He picks up the dwarf's chains, pulls an iron lever in the lava rock beside him.

ANOTHER ANGLE

as a jagged rock drawbridge lowers from the inside wall of the volcano, stopping by the side of the hanging prison. Karrox leads the dwarf across it, over the steaming lava, toward the prison. PUSH IN as Karrox opens the door on the side of the prison, shoves the dwarf in.

CLOSER ON DWARF

as Karrox closes the barred door. The dwarf sticks his arms out, pleading.

DWARF

No! Karrox, please...don't leave me here!

CLOSE ON KARROX

As his face registers his inner pain the MUSIC STINGS.

DISSOLVE TO:

CLOSE ANGLE ON BOBBY - NIGHT

He's asleep, in the grass, a blanket over him. He tosses and turns in his sleep, obviously in the clutches of a nightmare.

BOBBY

(talking in sleep)

No! Don't leave me! It's hot!
Fire...Fire...

Bobby suddenly sits bolt upright, his face moving right into camera, eyes wide.

BOBBY

(a scream)

FIRE!!

WIDER ANGLE

as the others are startled out of their sleep (including Uni). Sheila and Hank are on either side of Bobby.

BOBBY

(crying)

Sheila!

Bobby burries his face in her arms, crying. Sheila comforts him with a hug.

SHEILA

What's the matter, Bobby!

CLOSER - FAVORING BOBBY

as he pulls away from Sheila, looking back at the pain of the dream.

BOBBY

It was awful! I was trapped in
some strange land, and couldn't
get home!

CLOSE ON PRESTO AND ERIC

BOBBY (VO)

There was a giant...

Eric and Presto give each other a look.

FULL SHOT - ALL

Bobby stares into the crackling fire before them.

BOBBY

...and a pit of fire!

HANK

It was just a nightmare, Bobby!

PRESTO

Yeah! Everything's fine.
(looks about)
Well, almost fine!

ON SHEILA AND BOBBY

Sheila comforts Bobby some more, helping him to lie down.

SHEILA

Try to sleep, Bobby. Everything
will be better in the morning.

PUSH IN on Bobby as Sheila runs her hand over his forehead. He closes his eyes, drifting back into sleep.

ON ERIC AND DIANA

ERIC

I wish everything would be
better in the morning.

DIANA

Can it, Eric! You'd be having
nightmares too if you were only
seven years old and living in
this place.

FAVORING SHEILA

She looks at Bobby, then leans over to the others,
gesturing for them to be quiet and come closer. PUSH IN,
losing Bobby.

SHEILA

(sotto)

Listen, guys...tomorrow's Bobby's
eighth birthday. Maybe we could
be extra nice to him and cheer
him up!

DIANA

(sotto)

We'll do better than that. We'll
give him a surprise birthday party.

CLOSER ON PRESTO AND ERIC

PRESTO

(sotto)

Yeah! And I can do magic tricks!

Presto takes off his hat, trying to roll it down his arm
like Fred Astaire, dropping it instead. Eric just shakes
his head.

LONG SHOT - ALL

As they continue to whisper around the fire the CAMERA
PANS AWAY to a large tree trunk. The fire casts its
dancing shadows on the trunk. PUSH IN as the shadow
suddenly stops dancing. It forms into the sinister shape
of SHADOW DEMON. The MUSIC BUILDS...

CLOSER ON SHADOW DEMON

as he looks o.s. with sinister pleasure.

SHADOW DEMON

(sotto)

So, it's a surprise they plan,
it is? Well, they'll get a
surprise, alright!

(sotto cackle)

WIDER ANGLE

as Shadow Demon streaks off into the night.

WIPE TO:

EXTERIOR: ON VENGER'S VOLCANO - NIGHT

CAMERA PUSHES IN on the volcano. The castle on the side of it is clearer now. It looks as if its made of dried lava. There is a reddish glow from within it. Shadow Demon streaks into shot past camera, drifting like a dark cloud toward the glowing volcanic castle...

CLOSER ON CASTLE

Shadow Demon drifts into one of the windows.

INSIDE THE CASTLE

CAMERA PANS the lava rock walls to a sinister looking fireplace that looks to be the entrance of hell. Venger is seated before it in a throne, staring into the flames. PUSH IN on Venger as the light from the fire dances eerily on his face. Suddenly Shadow Demon drifts into shot from behind Venger. He cowers up behind him, hesitates. Venger can not see him, but:

VENGER

(angered)

Well, what is it?

CLOSER ON VENGER

as Shadow Demon fumbles out before him, bowing subserviantly.

SHADOW DEMON

E-Excuse me, your greatness. I
bring important news.

CLOSE ON SHADOW DEMON

SHADOW DEMON

The young ones whose weapons
you seek to possess...

WIDER ANGLE

as Venger suddenly stands up, towering over Shadow Demon. The little shadow practically evaporates in fear.

VENGER

(intense interest)

What about them?

SHADOW DEMON

I...I've seen them, your greatness.
In the Valley of Despair!

CLOSE ON VENGER

as a deadly smile cracks across his face.

VENGER

Good! This time I'll be ready
for them!

CAMERA PUSHES IN on the reflection of flickering flames
in Venger's eyes, then we...

DISSOLVE TO:

CLOSE ANGLE ON BOBBY - MORNING

The daylight illuminates his peacefully sleeping face.
Suddenly a creepy looking shadow moves over him. He
stirs uneasily, then opens his eyes, looking up into
camera. He reacts with sudden fright, sitting upright.

BOBBY

(frightened scream)

AAAAHHHHHHHHHHH!!

WIDER ANGLE

to reveal Sheila and the others standing around him.
Eric, wearing an ugly mask, stands before him. He takes
the mask off, smiling.

HANK ET AL

SURPRISE!!

The look on Bobby's face turns to sudden glee.

ON SHEILA, HANK, DIANA AND BOBBY

The three of them hold up gayly colored gift boxes.

DIANA

Happy Birthday, Bobby!

He takes the presents with a grin.

BOBBY

Gosh! You remembered!

CLOSER ON BOBBY

as Uni enters, another box stuck on the end of her horn.

UNI

(happy bleat)

BOBBY
And so did you, Uni! Thanks!

FAVORING PRESTO

PRESTO
And you're going to have a
cake, as well.

Bobby waits expectantly as Presto takes off his hat,
waves his hand around it.

PRESTO
A little hocus will I make...
and conjure up a birthday cake!

Suddenly a cake pops up out of Presto's hat, right in his
face, of course. SPLAT! He looks up at Bobby, smiling
through the chocolate icing.

BOBBY
(happy giggles)

WIDER ANGLE

SHEILA
Go on, Bobby! Open your presents!

PUSH IN as Bobby grabs a box, pulls off the ribbon.

HANK
That one's from me!

Bobby takes a crudely made softball out of the box.

BOBBY
Wow! A softball!

DIANA
Give it a whack with your club!

ANOTHER ANGLE - FAVORING BOBBY

He picks up his club, tosses the ball up, smashes it.
POW! It shoots away as if shot from a cannon.

WIDE SHOT

as the ball sails over the horizon.

FULL SHOT - ALL

Everyone looks a bit down.

HANK
Don't worry, slugger! I'll
make you another one.

CLOSER ON ERIC AND BOBBY

He hands Bobby another of the boxes.

ERIC

And this one's from me!

PUSH IN as Bobby opens up the box, looks into it with a somewhat puzzled stare.

HIS POV - INTO BOX

It is filled with what look like green ping-pong balls. Little eyes suddenly open up in each of them. They smile, making a sound like a DOZEN HIGH-PITCHED GIGGLES.

WIDER ANGLE

Bobby makes a "Yuch" face.

BOBBY

Eyew! What are they?

ERIC

I don't know. I found them
in the forest.

Bobby reacts as the little green balls suddenly leap up out of the box, wildly bouncing all over the shot, like psycho "Super Balls." Bobby's frown turns to a smile.

ON UNI

She snaps at one of them, missing, falling on her chin.

UNI

Oooff!

The little balls comically bounce on her horn, then shoot away, O.S.

WIDER ANGLE

as the little green balls herd together like a pack of wild animals, bouncing off into the forest. SFX: MORE HIGH-PITCHED GIGGLES.

BOBBY

(happily)

Come on, Uni! They're getting away!

Bobby and Uni run off after them, disappearing into the forest. PUSH IN on the others.

SHEILA

Thanks, guys! I haven't seen
Bobby that happy in a long time.

ON PRESTO AND ERIC

ERIC

(bragging)

Did you see the way I surprised
him! I never saw anyone so
scared in my life.

Suddenly one of Venger's LIZARD MEN warriors drops down
out of the trees, landing beside Eric, spear in hand.
Eric practically turns white.

ERIC

YAAAAAAHHHHHH!!

FULL SHOT - ALL

as several more of the Lizard Men drop down out of the
trees, surprising them.

CLOSE ANGLE ON LIZARD LEADER

LIZARD LEADER

Get them!

(evil hiss)

As he raises his spear and rushes into camera we cut to:

OUR GUYS

HANK

It's Venger's Lizard Men!

Hank grabs his bow which leans on a nearby tree.

CLOSER ON DIANA

as one of the Lizard Men rushes her. She pulls out her
javelin, which extends to six feet, dramatically flipping
the beast over her, and into the bushes with a THUD.

DIANA

That's what I call "Leaping
Lizards!"

ON PRESTO

He quickly runs his hand over his open hat.

PRESTO

Abraca-dannon, turn my hat to
a cannon!

Suddenly a Lizard Man rushes into shot toward Presto.
His hat shoots out a blast of colored flowers, knocking
over the Lizard Man.

PRESTO

Hey! Flower power!

ON SHEILA

A Lizard Man backs her into a tree, about to grab her as:

SHEILA

So long, suitcase face!

She raises her hood, disappears. The Lizard Man stops, confused. As he exits, Sheila reappears, lowering her hood.

SHEILA

Whew! That was close!

Two more Lizard Men drop into shot, grabbing her.

ON HANK

as he draws back his bow.

HANK

Sheila, duck!

He lets loose with a "double" glowing bolt.

BACK TO SHEILA AND LIZARD MEN

She ducks as the glowing bolts streak into shot, knocking the two lizards away.

ON ERIC

He reacts, hiding behind his shield as a Lizard Man approaches him. Eric reaches down, grabs one of Bobby's unopened birthday presents.

ERIC

Happy birthday!

Eric pulls off the ribbon and a jack-in-the-box-like snake SPROINGS out. The Lizard Man leaps away in panic.

LIZARD MAN

YAARRRGH!

ANGLE ON FIVE LIZARD MEN

huddled together in fear. CAMERA WIDENS to reveal Hank and the others have them surrounded.

HANK

We've got 'em surrounded.

Suddenly about a dozen more Lizard Men leap out of the trees, surrounding Hank et al.

PRESTO
D-Don't count your lizards
before they're hatched!

DRAMTIC ANGLE - ON ROW OF LIZARD MEN

As they move into camera the MUSIC THROBS and we...

WIPE TO:

BOBBY AND UNI

walking through the woods.

BOBBY
(disappointed)
That's the first birthday present
I ever had that ran away before I
could play with it!

ON CLEARING

Bobby and Uni enter shot, stop.

BOBBY
Sis? Hank?

CAMERA WIDENS to reveal the empty clearing. There are
signs of a battle, scattered presents and wrapping, etc.

CLOSER ON BOBBY AND UNI

BOBBY
What happened to my party?

CAMERA WIDENS to reveal a grim looking Dungeon Master
beside Bobby.

DUNGEON MASTER
I'm afraid it's over, Barbarian.

Bobby reacts with surprise. Uni jumps up into Bobby's
arms in panic.

UNI
(frightened bleat)

BOBBY
Dungeon Master!

ANOTHER ANGLE

DUNGEON MASTER
I'm sorry your birthday had
to end this way.

BOBBY

What way? Where is everyone?

CLOSER ON DUNGEON MASTER

DUNGEON MASTER

Your sister and the others have been captured by Venger's Lizard Men. They're on their way to the Prison of Agony, from which there is no escape!

ON BOBBY AND UNI

BOBBY

My dream...It's true!

(wipes tear)

Now I've got no one!

Uni nuzzles under Bobby's arm, as if to say "you've got me."

WIDER ANGLE

as Dungeon Master pats the sad boy on the head.

DUNGEON MASTER

Cheer up, Barbarian. You've one more present to open.

CLOSER ON BOBBY AND DUNGEON MASTER

Bobby reacts as Dungeon Master holds a mystical looking package before Bobby's face. It glows! PUSH IN as Bobby opens the package, takes out a strange looking amulet, holds it before his face in awe.

BOBBY

What is it?

DUNGEON MASTER (VO)

A magic amulet!

Bobby gulps, then places the amulet around his neck. PUSH IN CLOSER...

DUNGEON MASTER (VO)

It will protect you from Venger as long as you wear it!

WIDER ANGLE

Dungeon Master points over the horizon.

DUNGEON MASTER

You will find your friends beyond those mountains.

CLOSER ON BOBBY AND UNI

Bobby looks off in the direction Dungeon Master pointed.

BOBBY

But it's so far. And how will
I free them...?

Bobby turns back, reacting.

WIDER ANGLE

to reveal Bobby is alone with Uni.

BOBBY

Dungeon Master?

(looks at Uni)

Looks like it's just you and
me, Uni!

UNI

(sympathetic bleat)

Bobby hefts his club over his shoulder, walks off with Uni at his side. The CAMERA PANS in the direction he's walking, PUSHING IN on the distant horizon.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXTERIOR: VENGERS VOLCANO - DAY

CAMERA PUSHES IN on the castle on the side of the volcano. The sky is filled with ominous clouds of black smoke that trail from the many volcanos.

INTERIOR: CASTLE - CLOSE ON HEAVY DOOR

It is at least thirty feet tall. A beat, then there is a REVERBERATING THUD, THUD, THUD! CAMERA PANS to Venger's throne, still facing the fire. We can see Venger seated in it. Shadow Demon is beside him. He reacts to the thuds.

SHADOW DEMON

It must be them!

He drifts o.s.

ANGLE ON TOWERING DOOR

Shadow Demon moves to it, tries to open it, but can't.

ON VENGERS

as he raises his hand. It glows evilly.

BACK TO DOOR

It opens with a LOW CREAK, knocking Shadow Demon out of the way. PUSH IN to reveal the Lizard Men and their captives, Hank, Diana, Sheila, Presto and Eric. They look in, fear on their faces.

LIZARD LEADER

I bring the young ones, master...

CLOSER ON LIZARD LEADER

He dumps the shield, javelin, cloak, bow and magic hat onto the floor before him, bows reverently.

LIZARD LEADER

...and their magic weapons!

ON HANK AND OTHERS

Hank struggles in the grasp of two Lizard Men.

HANK

Let us go, Venger! You've got our weapons...what more do you want?

ON BACK ON THRONE

We can see little of Venger.

VENGER (VO)

I want the pleasure...

Venger's throne magically turns around. PUSH IN to the evil in his face.

VENGER

...of seeing the Dungeon Master's friends rot in the Prison of Agony!

FAVORING DIANA

DIANA

We'll escape your prison, Venger.
You can bet on it!

FULL SHOT - ALL

Venger holds out his open palm. A mistlike glow of energy radiates from it, engulfing the the kids' weapons on the floor before them. The dramatically slide across the floor to Venger's feet.

VENGER

Not without these, you won't!

ON VENGER

as he stands over the weapons. He appears to take a deep breath, growing more evilly, more powerful. PUSH IN...

VENGER

With them, I'm more powerful
than ever!

CLOSE ON VENGER

VENGER

And once I acquire the club from
the little Barbarian, I will be...
unstoppable!
(echoing laughter)

WIDER ANGLE

VENGER

Take them away!

The kids struggle as the Lizard Men lead them away.

EXTERIOR: ON BUBBLING LAVA

CAMERA WIDENS to reveal Hank and the others being led out onto the inner rim of the volcano, before the hanging prison. The prisoners reach out through the bars toward them. SFX: MOANING PRISONERS.

CLOSER ON OUR GUYS

reacting to the ominous surroundings.

SHEILA

Why do I get the feeling this
isn't a vacation resort?

The Lizard Leader gives Sheila a shove with his staff.

FAVORING KARROX

as Hank and the others are led to him.

LIZARD LEADER

More prisoners.

Karrox looks uneasily at the kids. He pulls the iron lever once again.

WIDER ANGLE

as the drawbridge lowers to the side of the prison. He herds Hank and the others across it.

PANNING WITH PRESTO AND ERIC

They look down at the bubbling lava below.

PRESTO

Where is Dungeon Master when
we need him?

ERIC

Forget him! I'd give a year of
allowances for a good SWAT team!

ON PRISON

as Karrox moves to the barred door, opens it. He
gestures angrily for our guys to get inside.

ERIC

Okay! Okay! We're going!

As they enter he closes the door after them.

INSIDE THE PRISON

Sheila and the others react to the seedy looking inmates.
Eric reacts indignantly as a gnarly looking gnome fingers
his clothing.

ERIC

Get your hands offa me, wart face!

ANOTHER ANGLE - FAVORING TROLL

The disgusting looking troll holds out a bowl of dripping
green slime to the kids. He smiles with crooked teeth
(what few there are).

TROLL

Hunnnngry?

They look at the goo, wincing woozily.

FULL ON VOLCANO CONE

The drawbridge pulls up, away from the prison, leaving it
suspended over the lave, with no way out. As our guys
look out through the bars with forlorn expressions we...

DISSOLVE TO:

EXTERIOR: DENSE JUNGLE GROWTH - DAY

Bobby cuts his way into shot with his club, Uni is beside
him. Bobby stops, tired, surveys the area.

BOBBY
It's no use, Uni! This jungle
is endless.

CLOSER ON UNI

as she nods in agreement, plops down in exhaustion.

WIDER ANGLE

Bobby drops into a sitting position beside her, puts his
chin in his hands.

BOBBY
(hopeless)
We'll never find Sheila and the
others.

DUNGEON MASTER (VO)
(mystical echo)
Don't give up hope, Barbarian!

Bobby looks about in confusion.

BOBBY
Dungeon Master? Where are you?

ANGLE ON DENSE GROWTH

DUNGEON MASTER (VO)
Right here, Bobby.

BOBBY

picks up his club, moves to the thick foliage, hacks
away at it.

ANGLE ON EDGE OF JUNGLE

as Bobby hacks his way out, steps into the open with Uni.
CAMERA WIDENS to reveal a waterfall flowing out of
several jagged holes in the towering cliffside.

BOBBY
Dungeon Master?

CLOSER ON RIVER BANK

Bobby enters with Uni, stops beside a crude raft at the
edge of the river.

BOBBY
Oh, I getcha. You want me to take
this raft and cross the river.
(looks across)
That prison must be on the other
side.

CLOSE ON UNI

on the bank. She sniffs the water, reacting nervously. As she moves away we see two eyes appear in the water. The MUSIC BUILDS...

WIDER ANGLE

Bobby is standing on the raft, which is now on the river.

BOBBY

Hop aboard, Uni!

Uni hops onto the raft. Bobby pushes off with his club.

FULL ON RIVER

Bobby uses his club as a paddle, slowly moving toward the other side.

PANNING WITH RAFT

Uni reacts in wide-eyed panic as a giant hand, made out of water, reaches out of the river behind Bobby.

UNI

(alarmed bleat)

Bobby turns, reacting as the hand is about to get him. He swings his club at it, splattering the hand into a splash of sparkling water droplets.

BOBBY

Ha! I got it!

ANOTHER ANGLE

as several more giant, watery arms and hands reach out of the river toward Bobby and Uni. One of them grabs Uni, picking her up.

UNI

(panicked bleating)

BOBBY

Hey! Let her go!

But before he can do anything she is pulled into the water. Bobby leaps in after her. The other watery hands converge on the water where Bobby went under.

UNDERWATER - ON BOBBY

He swims around, looking about, reacting in shock to:

BOBBY'S POV - WATER BEAST

Uni struggles in the grasp of the watery image. It is a mammoth beast, barely discernable from the rest of the water, except for its outline and sinister, glowing eyes.

UNI
(bubbling bleat)

ANOTHER ANGLE

Bobby swings his club through the water, passing right through the beast. It merely smiles down at him. A wave of its massive water arm and Bobby is washed away in the swirling current.

WATER BEAST
(watery laugh)

CLOSER ON BOBBY

as he drifts in the water, landing on the river bottom. He raises his club, smashing it onto the stoney bottom with a REVERBERATING THUMP! A giant fissure opens up beneath him.

FULL SHOT - WATER BEAST

The water beast reacts in panic, letting go of Uni as it swirls into a maelstrom, spiraling down into the fissure.

WATER BEAST
(bubbly scream)

CLOSER ON UNI

as she, too, is sucked down in the spiraling water.

UNI
(watery bleat)

Bobby swims into shot, grabbing her.

ON FISSURE

Bobby tries to swim away with Uni, but is sucked down into the fissure instead. As the MUSIC STINGS we...

WIPE TO:

EXTERIOR: ON VENGERS VOLCANO - GLOOMY DAY

PUSH IN on the hanging prison within the volcano cone...

INSIDE THE PRISON

CAMERA PANS all sorts of creepy looking creatures, some chained, others in small cells, still others in cages hanging from the ceiling. The glow of the lava can be seen through the many barred windows. PUSH IN on our guys, huddled in a dirty corner, away from the others. They are all hot and sweaty, fanning themselves, etc.

PRESTO

A couple more hours in this place and I'm going to be hard boiled!

FAVORING ERIC

He reacts to a little man standing not far away from them. From the back he looks like Dungeon Master.

ERIC

Hey guys, look! It's Dungeon Master!

CLOSER ON BACK OF PRISONER

as Eric moves to him, puts his hand on his shoulder.

ERIC

I knew you'd come back for us, DM, old buddy.

The prisoner turns around, revealing a face so ugly it could melt eyeballs. Eric does a take, whipping his hand off the guy's shoulder. The prisoner bares his dripping fangs, his long tongue uncurling towards Eric's frightened face.

PRISONER

(evil hissing)

Get your filthy paws off me!

ERIC

Uh, excuse me, sir! I thought you were somebody else.

Eric backs away from the guy, bumping into an even uglier creature. He spins around as the creature puts a tentacle around his head in a "friendly" gesture.

TENTACLED CREATURE

You must be...lunch?

ERIC

AAAAHHHH!!

Eric runs off.

BACK TO OUR GUYS

as Eric rushes into shot, practically hiding behind the others. PUSH IN on Sheila and Hank.

SHEILA

I sure hope Bobby is alright. All alone out there. I feel so responsible.

HANK

He'll be okay, Sheila.

ANOTHER ANGLE

as a hooded figure secretly approaches our guys, leans over to speak. Eric reacts nervously as:

STRONGHEART

(whisper)

You are the ones who have defied Venger's evil.

ERIC

(nervously)

Uh, not me!

(points to Presto)

He did it!

PUSH IN as the figure lowers his hood, revealing him to be a gentle, but strong looking man. He has a beard and is called STRONGHEART.

STRONGHEART

I am Strongheart. Tales of your brave attempts to defeat Venger have been whispered throughout the prison.

(he bows)

I am honored to meet you.

ERIC

On second thought, that was me!

CLOSER ON STRONGHEART, HANK AND DIANA

HANK

We'd try to defeat him again if there was a way out of this miserable place.

DIANA

But without our magic weapons there's no way!

STRONGHEART

Perhaps there is.

Hank and Diana react with interest.

CLOSER ON STRONGHEART

STRONGHEART

For the past ten years I have been
scraping at the stone wall...

ANOTHER ANGLE

The kids watch as Strongheart looks about cautiously,
then pushes aside an old barrel, revealing a hole in the
wall behind it.

STRONGHEART

...and at last I am through.

PRESTO

Well, what are we waiting for?

CLOSER ON HOLE

as Hank helps Sheila and Diana through.

HANK

Hurry!

ANGLE - ON OTHER SIDE OF HOLE

It is in the prison wall, just below where one of the
huge chains is anchored. Diana and Sheila grab onto the
chain, moving hand-over-hand, the bubbling lava below.
The others follow them out onto the chain. Hank and
Strongheart are last.

FULL SHOT - CHAIN

As our guys move slowly across the steaming lava:

LIZARD LEADER (VO)

Going somewhere?

They stop. CAMERA WIDENS to reveal the Lizard Leader and
two of his men standing on the inner volcano rim.

SHEILA

Uh, just out for a stroll.

THE LIZARD LEADER

angrily signals to his men, who stand on either side of
an ornate box with a barred opening on one end.

LIZARD LEADER

Release it!

PUSH IN as they open the box. A horrible looking, slimey serpent slithers out.

CLOSE ON CHAIN

where it is anchored to the wall. The serpent slithers onto the chain, moving out over the lava.

DRAMATIC ANGLE - OUR GUYS - STONEHEART

They are frozen with fear as the deadly looking serpent slithers toward them. PUSH IN as it opens its fanged mouth and HISSES. As the MUSIC STINGS we...

FADE OUT

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

FADE IN:

FULL ON OUR GUYS AND STRONGHEART

hanging from the chain, the serpent slithering toward them, the lava boiling below them, the Lizard Men watching with anticipation.

CLOSER ANGLE

as the serpent coils around the heavy chain, stopping before Sheila (who is in the lead). It opens wide, hissing at her.

SHEILA
(frightened scream)

As Sheila reacts she loses her grip on the heavy chain link, hanging with only one hand.

DIANA
Sheila!

Diana grabs for her, helping her regain her grip.

FAVORING HANK AND STRONGHEART

HANK
If I only had my bow...

STRONGHEART
We've got to turn back!

Strongheart swings around, starting to move back toward the hole in the prison wall. Hank follows.

WIDER ON OUR GUYS

They are all turned around, moving back toward the prison. The serpent slithers over the chain after them.

CLOSER ON HOLE IN PRISON WALL

Strongheart climbs in, then Hank...

ON THE INSIDE

Strongheart and Hank help Eric and Presto in...

STRONGHEART
Hurry!

ON DIANA AND SHEILA

As they move toward the hole the serpent gains on them. Diana climbs in through the hole...

BACK INSIDE THE PRISON

Hank reaches out, pulling Sheila in. PUSH IN as the serpent sticks its head through the hole. Strongheart takes the barrel that was covering the hole, shoves it back into place, pushing the serpent out the hole and covering his entrance.

ON ERIC AND PRESTO

out of breath from all the excitement.

PRESTO

Whew! That was close.

CAMERA PANS to one side as a green, warty looking troll puts his granly hand on Eric's shoulder, smiling eerily.

TROLL

(slimey)

You're safe...here!

Eric looks at the guy, jerks away in panic.

ERIC

Yaaahhh!!

WIDER ANGLE

as Eric rushes to the others, looking at Strongheart.

ERIC

There must be another way out
of this freak farm!

Strongheart just sadly shakes his head no. As the others react with despair we...

DISSOLVE TO:

EXTERIOR: SWAMPY RIVER - GLOOMY DAY

CAMERA PANS the murky shore, HOLDING on Uni, who has washed up on the shore. She suddenly comes to, shakes off like a dog. She looks about, reacting to the surroundings, then calls out for Bobby.

UNI

(worried bleat)

ANOTHER ANGLE

as Bobby's club floats through the dark water, drifting to Uni. She looks at it with sadness.

UNI

(sad bleat)

Uni turns sadly, walks from the shore. She suddenly stops short, reacting in panic as the tullies before her begin to rustle.

UNI
(frightened bleat)

PUSH IN on the tullies as Bobby stands up, wet and exhausted.

BOBBY
Uni...?

WIDER ANGLE

as Uni rushes to Bobby, nuzzling him lovingly.

BOBBY
I'm okay!
(looks about)
But where are we?

HIS POV - VENGERS VOLCANO

rising up in the distance. The castle on the side is visible, as is the prison, hanging in the glowing cone.

BOBBY (VO)
That must be the Prison of Agony!

BACK TO BOBBY AND UNI

BOBBY
Come on!

As Bobby treks off with Uni we...

WIPE TO:

CLOSER ON SIDE OF VOLCANO

where we PAN UP to reveal Bobby and Uni climbing the steep side. Suddenly the scene begins to flicker, as if on fire. CAMERA PULLS BACK to reveal Venger, in his volcano castle, watching the scene within the flames of his huge fireplace. The Lizard Leader and two other lizard men stand behind him.

VENGER
So, the young barbarian has
come to free his friends.

CLOSER ON VENGER

VENGER
I'm afraid he'll be joining
them instead.

ON VENGER AND LIZARD MEN

VENGER

Bring him to me!

The lizard men bow, then hurry o.s.

WIPE TO:

EXTERIOR: ON BOBBY AND UNI

moving up the volcano, along a steep ledge.

BOBBY

We're almost at the top, Uni.
Get ready!

CLOSER ON BOBBY

DUNGEON MASTER (VO)

(echoing)

Barbarian!

BOBBY

(looks about)

Dungeon Master? Where are you?

DUNGEON MASTER (VO)

I am where I am not!

ANOTHER ANGLE

Uni reacts in confusion, sniffing at a rock as if perhaps to find Dungeon Master under it.

BOBBY

I need your help!

DUNGEON MASTER (VO)

You need only be courageous, and
clever.

CLOSE ON BOBBY

The amulet is on his neck, Dungeon Master's face in the center of it, looking up at Bobby. Bobby reacts.

DUNGEON MASTER

Remember! This amulet will protect
you from Venger's evil!

Bobby holds up the amulet.

OVER THE SHOULDER - ON AMULET

Bobby reacts as the image of Dungeon Master fades away.

BOBBY
Dungeon Master! Wait!

Suddenly the image is replaced by the ugly face of the Lizard Leader. Bobby reacts, turning quickly...

WIDER - TO INCLUDE LIZARD MEN

One leaps at Bobby, missing him, sailing over the edge.

LIZARD MAN
AAAAAAAHHHHHH!!!

ANGLE ON SWAMP

as the lizard man falls into shot, splashing into the muddy water.

ON BOBBY AND OTHER LIZARD MEN

The Lizard Leader reaches out a scaley hand.

LIZARD LEADER
Give me the club, human!

BOBBY
Whatever you say!

Bobby holds the club out to the Lizard Leader, who grabs the end of it with a sly smile. Bobby gives the club a flip, sending the lizard straight up o.s., like a rocket.

LIZARD LEADER
YYYYAAAAARRRRRRGGGHHHH!!

CLOSE ON BOBBY

BOBBY
(looking up)
Say hello to the man in the moon
for me!

WIDER ANGLE

as the Lizard Leader drops back into shot, landing on the third lizard man with a thud.

BOBBY
Come on, Uni!

Bobby jumps over the lizard men, racing away with Uni.

ANOTHER ANGLE

as Bobby and Uni rush up the ledge toward the upper rim of the volcano cone. A few more lizard men leap out from behind rocks, chasing after them.

BOBBY

stops beside a jagged outcropping of rock, swings his club, breaking it off. It rolls down the sloping path.

THE LIZARD MEN

dive out of the way as the rock rumbles past them.

LIZARD MEN
YYARRRGGGHHHH!!!

ANGLE ON INNER RIM OF VOLCANO

CAMERA PUSHES IN past the bubbling lava on the inner rim near where the drawbridge rock is. Bobby pokes his head up with Uni, looks over.

BOBBY
There it is, Uni!

THEIR POV - PRISON OF AGONY

suspended above the steaming lava. PUSH IN on the prison to see Hank and the others through the barred openings.

BOBBY (VO)
Sheila and guys are locked inside!

BACK TO BOBBY AND UNI

BOBBY
Only how do we get across that lava and get them out?

VENGER (VO)
You don't!

As Bobby and Uni react we cut:

WIDER TO INCLUDE VENGER AND KARROX

standing on the rim, overlooking Bobby.

BOBBY
V-V-Venger!

INSIDE THE PRISON

Eric looks out a barred window, reacting.

ERIC
Hey, guys! Look!

As the others move to the window we cut to:

THEIR POV - RIM OF THE VOLCANO

where Venger and Karrox stand over Bobby and Uni.

SHEILA (VO)

It's Bobby!

BACK TO OUR GUYS

still looking out window.

PRESTO

Venger and that Karrox character
will cream him!

ON VENGER, KARROX, BOBBY AND UNI

VENGER

Give me the weapon, boy, and I
will be easier on you and your
friends!

WIDER - TO INCLUDE PRISON

where we see the others waving through the bars.

HANK

Don't do it, Bobby!

DIANA

Run!

CLOSER ON VENGER AND BOBBY

VENGER

Give it to me!

Venger reaches for the club. Bobby takes a step back.

VENGER

Have it your way!

Venger holds up his hands, firing a blast of energy at
Bobby. It engulfs him in a glowing aura.

ON HANK AND OTHERS

looking out the barred window. Sheila covers her face.

SHEILA

I can't watch! Is he...?

HANK

No! He isn't! Look!

As Sheila looks out the window we cut back to:

BACK TO VENGER AND BOBBY

Suddenly an even more powerful blast of energy emanates from the amulet around Bobby's neck. It strikes Venger, knocking him back. Bobby reacts, looking at the amulet.

BOBBY

Hey! It works!

ON HANK AND OTHERS

as they cheer Bobby's success.

HANK ET AL

Way to go, Bobby! Give it to him!

CLOSE ON VENGER

VENGER

That amulet neutralizes my power!

WIDER TO INCLUDE KARROX

BOBBY

(raises club)

Yeah! And I'll neutralize this whole place if you don't let my friends go!

Venger points an evil finger at Bobby.

VENGER

Karrox! Get me that club, and throw him into the prison with the others.

KARROX

No! He's just a boy! I won't fight children for you, Venger!

PUSH IN on Venger as his eyes flash with rage.

VENGER

You'll do it...or I'll destroy your homeland!

KARROX

reacts in silent anguish.

ON BOBBY AND UNI

Uni grabs Bobby's boot cuff in her mouth, pulling in an effort to coax him to run.

UNI

(nervous bleating)

FULL SHOT - ALL

Karrox moves toward Bobby. Bobby stands fast, raises his club at the ready.

BOBBY

I don't want to hurt you...

Karrox simply reaches down and picks up Bobby by the back of his furry shirt. Bobby swings wildly through the air.

BOBBY

Put me down!

ON HANK AND OTHERS

still looking through the window...

ERIC

Bobby's finished this time!

DIANA

No he's not! Look!

BACK TO BOBBY AND KARROX

PUSH IN on Bobby as he wedges his club under Karrox's thumb, prys it off. Bobby drops to the ground.

CLOSE ON VENGER

VENGER

Don't let him get away!

ANGLE ON BOBBY AND UNI

as they scramble away along the volcano rim.

KARROX

lumbers after him.

BOBBY AND UNI

run to the drawbridge rock (in up position). He gives it a smash with his club and it drops down.

WIDER - TO INCLUDE PRISON

The drawbridge drops into place before the door of the prison. Hank and the others are behind the barred door. As Bobby crosses the bridge Karrox enters behind him...

SHEILA

Bobby! Look out!

CLOSER ON BOBBY AND KARROX

Just as Karrox is about to grab him, Bobby turns.

BOBBY
Oh, no you don't!

Bobby thumps his club onto the drawbridge. It shakes violently, knocking Karrox off balance. He falls, just grabbing onto the side of the drawbridge.

DOWN ANGLE - PAST KARROX

dangling over the bubbling lava.

KARROX
Help!

ON BOBBY AND UNI

looking down at Karrox.

BOBBY
I can't just let him fall, Uni!

Bobby moves o.s.

ON KARROX

as Bobby holds out his club.

BOBBY
Grab on!

Karrox releases with one hand, grabbing onto the club. Bobby hauls him up onto the drawbridge. The giant looks sympathetically to Bobby.

KARROX
Thank you for saving me!

Karrox reacts in surprise to the amulet on Bobby's neck.

BOBBY
What is it?

CLOSE ON KARROX

KARROX
That amulet!...

HIS POV - THE AMULET

CAMERA PUSHES IN on it as we see the image of the giant's homeland, castle, etc.

KARROX (VO)
...I can see my homeland in it!

BACK TO BOBBY AND KARROX

KARROX

(sadly)

I miss my home so very much!

BOBBY

(also sad)

Yeah! So do I.

FAVORING VENGER

standing on the inner rim of the volcano, looking off at Karrox and Bobby.

VENGER

Karrox! Get the club!

CLOSER ON BOBBY AND KARROX

Karrox reacts to Venger, then:

KARROX

(whisper)

I have a plan. Will you do as I say?

BOBBY

Okay!

Karrox takes the club, shoves it into his tunic.

WIDER ANGLE

as Karrox picks up Bobby in one hand, shouts to Venger.

KARROX

I have the boy...but the club has fallen into the lava!

ON HANK AND OTHERS

looking through the barred prison entrance.

DIANA

He's got Bobby!

CLOSER ON VENGER

VENGER

Throw the boy into the prison!

PUSH IN on Venger as he turns to exit...

VENGER

At least none of Dungeon Master's young followers will be bothering me anymore!

ANGLE ON THE PRISON ENTRANCE

as Karrox moves to it, opening the door before Hank and the others. They receive Bobby as Karrox shoves him inside, closes the door after him. Sheila hugs Bobby.

SHEILA

Bobby!

CLOSER ON OUR GUYS

Bobby pushes Sheila away.

BOBBY

Quit the gushy stuff! I'm okay!

ERIC

Yeah, but it's too bad you lost your club.

BOBBY

I didn't lose anything!

FAVORING KARROX

He looks in through the barred entrance, sneaks the club out of his tunic, holds it through the bars to Bobby.

KARROX

(sotto)

I'll lower the drawbridge at midnight.
Be ready!

FULL ON VOLCANO CONE

as Karrox moves across the drawbridge to the lever, pulls it. The drawbridge raises.

INSIDE THE PRISON - ON OUR GUYS AND STRONGHEART

PRESTO

How did you manage to get that giant on our side?

BOBBY

Him? Uh, we've got a lot in common!

HANK

We may be able to get out of this prison, but without our weapons it won't be long before Venger finds us, and...

He finishes his statement with a look that says it all.

FAVORING BOBBY

BOBBY

Don't worry, he can't touch me!
(holds out amulet)
Not with this!

ERIC

That? Why that's nothing but a
cheap piece of costume jewelry.

As Eric reaches out to touch the amulet he is jolted by a
sparking shock.

ERIC

YAH!

ANOTHER ANGLE

DIANA

That amulet may protect Bobby,
but what about the rest of us?
If only we had our weapons...

STRONGHEART

I know where Venger keeps your
weapons!

PRESTO

But how could you know if you've
been in here for so many years?

CLOSER ON STRONGHEART

STRONGHEART

Before Venger put me in this prison
I had a magic weapon much like yours.
A golden hammer it was!

WIDER ANGLE

STRONGHEART

Venger took it from me and placed it
on the wall of his castle dungeon!

HANK

Let's hope he put ours in the same
place.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXTERIOR: ON VOLCANO NIGHT

As the bubbling lava glows in the darkness we PUSH IN on
Venger's castle...

CLOSE ON GOLDEN HAMMER

CAMERA WIDENS to reveal it is alone on the dank dungeon wall. As the MUSIC BUILDS we cut to:

EXTERIOR: ON DRAWBRIDGE LEVER

There are two lizard men guards standing beside it. Suddenly Karrox pokes his head up over the crater rim behind them. He surreptitiously reaches out, pushes the drawbridge lever. The lizard men react as:

THE DRAWBRIDGE

lowers to the front of the prison.

INSIDE THE PRISON - ON FRONT ENTRANCE

Hank, Strongheart and the others are all there.

BOBBY

Stand back!

Bobby swings back his club, bashing the door out.

REVERSE ANGLE - ON DRAWBRIDGE AND ENTRANCE

Hank and the others move out onto the drawbridge.

ON LIZARD MEN

LIZARD MAN

They're escaping! Raise the drawbridge!

They both grab the lever, pulling it back up.

THE DRAWBRIDGE

starts to raise. Hank and the others slide down the bridge toward the lizard men.

CLOSER ON LIZARD MEN

Hank and the others slide into shot, knocking them o.s.

CLOSER ON HANK

HANK

Let's go!

He moves o.s.

ANGLE ON VENGERS CASTLE

Hank and the others sneak into a back entrance.

INSIDE THE CASTLE

They all move through the dark interior...

CLOSER ON HEAVY WOODEN TRAPDOOR

Strongheart stops above it with Hank, opens it.

ANGLE ON DUNGEON STEPS

as our guys walk down into the creepy dungeon.

ANOTHER ANGLE

They stop, looking o.s. in disappointment. CAMERA WIDENS to reveal only the golden hammer on the wall.

DIANA

Our weapons. They're not here!

Strongheart takes his golden hammer off the wall. He stands beside Bobby, who holds his club.

STRONGHEART

At least we have two of them!

Suddenly the wall magically vanishes to reveal Venger standing on the other side, facing them.

VENGER

Unfortunately that won't be enough to save you from these!

Venger makes a threatening gesture and several of the lizard men enter around him. They each hold one of the kids' weapons.

CLOSE ON VENGER

VENGER

Destroy them!

ON LIZARD MAN

as he fires a flaming bolt from Hank's bow.

ON STRONGHEART, HANK AND DIANA

Hank and Diana dive out of the way as the bolt streaks into shot. Strongheart swings his hammer, knocking the bolt into a shower of sparks.

ANOTHER LIZARD MAN

swings Sheila's cloak over him, disappears.

ON SHEILA AND BOBBY

as the lizard man suddenly reappears beside them, reaching for Sheila, who jumps back in panic.

BOBBY

Scare my sister, will ya?

Bobby bashes his club on the floor, knocking the lizard man o.s.

ANOTHER LIZARD MAN

takes Presto's hat. He reaches into it, takes out a what looks like a large, black hawk and flings it o.s. SFX: HAWK CAW.

ON STRONGHEART

As he swings back his golden hammer the hawk flies into shot, grabbing it from him.

STRONGHEART

My hammer!

ON ERIC, HANK AND PRESTO

hiding behind a wall.

PRESTO

That hat never worked that good for me!

HANK

We don't stand a chance against our own weapons.

ON VENGER

VENGER

Get the little one! I want that club!

ON TWO LIZARD MEN

They turn their bow and magic hat in the same direction, firing a barrage o.s.

ON BOBBY

standing before the others, using his club to bat away the bolts and magic. He backs up under the strain.

ON SHEILA

SHEILA

He can't hold out much longer!

FULL SHOT - ALL

Suddenly Karrox breaks through the wall. Venger points at Bobby.

VENGER

Karrox! Get me the boy!

KARROX

Not this time, Venger!

CLOSER ON LIZARD MEN

as Karrox enters, grabs them. He takes the bow and magic hat from two of them, tosses them o.s.

ON ERIC AND PRESTO

as they catch their weapons.

CLOSE ON VENGER

VENGER

No! You'll regret this, you traitor!

KARROX

KARROX

No I won't, Venger! I'll enjoy every moment of it!

He grabs the other fleeing lizard men, takes the javelin and shield from them, tosses them o.s.

ON ERIC AND DIANA

as they catch their weapons.

DIANA

Thanks!

ON VENGER

He swings open a stone door in the dungeon wall. PUSH IN as glowing red lava begins to ooze out. Suddenly the humanoid forms of several LAVA MEN literally step out of the molten lava.

ON HANK

as one of the lava men lumbers toward him. Hank draws his bow, aims it at the ceiling above. He fires a flaming bolt. Just before the lava man reaches him the ceiling caves in on the guy, crushing out his lava body with a billow of steam.

STRONGHEART

backs against a wall, a lava men moving right for him.

STRONGHEART

If I only had my golden hammer.

ON DIANA

DIANA

Coming right up, Strongheart!

Diana extends her javelin, tosses it o.s.

PANNING WITH FLYING HAWK

The javelin streaks up into shot, knocking the golden hammer out of its talons. SFX: FRIGHTENED CAW.

BACK TO STRONGHEART

Just before the lava man reaches him he catches the golden hammer, pounds it into the wall which collapses on him, snuffing him out.

ERIC AND PRESTO

react as another lava man moves in on them. Presto hides behind Eric, who uses his shield to fend the guy off.

ERIC

Hurry up, Presto! Make with the magic!

The lava man presses his hand against Eric's shield. There is a STEAMING SIZZLE. Eric looks at his shield, reacting to the smoking handprint in it.

ERIC

Hurry!!!

CLOSE ON LAVA MAN

as he moves right into camera...

PRESTO

rings his hand around his magic hat.

PRESTO

Abracadaber...uh...Hocus, po...er...
Aw, what's the use...I never get
what I want, anyway!

He reaches into the hat, pulls out a wild firehouse. He can barely hold it as it shoots a powerful stream of water o.s.

WIDER - TO INCLUDE ERIC AND LAVA MAN

Eric gets sprayed, using his shield to defend himself against the water.

ERIC

Not me, you air head, him!

Presto turns the stream of water on the lava man. He reacts to the water, steaming, freezing into solid stone.

SHEILA

backs up into a wooden door in the wall as one of the lava men moves toward her. He holds up his arms, just about to grab her...

SHEILA

I hope you'll excuse me if I disappear for a minute!

She raises her hood, vanishes. The lava man continues forward, his body burning right through the door.

REVERSE ANGLE - OUTSIDE OF DOOR

as the lava man burns completely through. CAMERA WIDENS as he steps out of the door, right off the edge of castle and o.s.

BACK TO PREVIOUS CUT

as Sheila raises her hood, reappearing just to the side of the smoking door. She looks out after him.

SHEILA

Watch out for that first step!

ON UNI

shaking with fear as a lava man approaches her.

UNI

(panicked bleat)

CAMERA WIDENS to reveal Bobby behind the lava man.

BOBBY

Hey, hot stuff!

A the lava man slowly turns to face Bobby...he swings his club, splattering the guy into a shower of flaming parts.

VENGER

ducks as the lumps of lava spray past him. PUSH IN as he looks o.s. with rage.

VENGER

Fools! You may be able to stop
the lava men but even you are not
powerful enough to withstand the
force of the volcano itself!

Venger raises his arms dramatically. The SCENE RUMBLES.

ON OUR GUYS

They react as the walls start to crack, stones falling in
around them.

ERIC

Why do I get the terrible feeling
he's right this time!

EXTERIOR: FULL ON VOLCANO

as it RUMBLES LOUDER, the lava boiling furiously, rising
around the prison that hangs above. The prisoners inside
react in fear.

BACK IN THE CASTLE - FULL SHOT - ALL

As Venger faces our guys the wall behind him begins to
crack open, lava oozing out.

VENGER

Not even the Dungeon Master
could save you now!

CLOSER ON VENGER

as Karrox enters, towering over him.

KARROX

Maybe noy! But I can!

Karrox picks up Venger, holding him over his head.

VENGER

No! Put me down or I'll destroy
your homeland!

EXTERIOR: ON CASTLE

Karrox exits with Venger, moves to the volcano rim.

KARROX

I've been your servant of evil
long enough, Venger! No more!

Karrox throws Venger into the volcano.

VENGER

NOOOOOOOOOO!!!

DOWN ANGLE - VENGER

as he tumbles toward the lava he disappears with a magical flash.

ANGLE ON KARROX AND OTHERS

Hank and the rest stand on the volcano rim beside him.

BOBBY

Look!

They react as Venger's evil face appears before them in a magical aura.

VENGER

(echoing)

You'll regret this, Karrox!

You'll all regret this!

As his image fades away the volcano RUMBLES LOUDER STILL.

CLOSE ON DIANA

DIANA

Look!

HER POV - THE PRISON

The lava rises fast, about to get it.

ON HANK

He draws back his bow, firing a bolt o.s.

ON DRAWBRIDGE LEVER

The bolt streaks into shot, hitting it.

FULL ON PRISON

as the drawbridge slams down before it. The prisoners start to move out above the rising lava.

ON STRONGHEART

STRONGHEART

Run, my friends, run!

FULL ON VOLCANO

Just as the last prisoner rushes across the drawbridge the lava rises to the prison, which explodes, dropping into cone and disappearing. The volcano settles down, the lava draining away.

FULL SHOT - HANK ET AL

STRONGHEART

Venger's Prison of Agony is gone
for good!

KARROX

(sad)

Yes, but soon he will destroy my
beautiful homeland as well.

CLOSER ON KARROX

Bobby steps up to the towering giant. He takes the
amulet off, holds it up to him.

BOBBY

Not if you wear this, he won't!
It'll protect you from Venger's
evil forever!

KARROX

Thank you, little one. I will
never forget your kindness!

PUSH IN as Karrox places the amulet around his wrist.

ANGLE ON OUR GUYS AND DUNGEON MASTER

Dungeon Master stands between Eric and Bobby.

DUNGEON MASTER

Congratulations, Barbarian!

Eric and the others react in surprise to DM's presence.

CLOSER ON DUNGEON MASTER AND BOBBY

DUNGEON MASTER

You may be only one year older,
but you are ten years wiser!

BOBBY

Thanks, Dungeon Master. And now
that I'm older I don't think I'll
be having any more nightmares, either!

Dungeon Master holds out another little box to Bobby.

DUNGEON MASTER

Because you were so generous, I
brought you...another birthday
present.

CLOSER ON BOBBY

as he opens the strangely wrapped box, looks inside.

BOBBY

Wow!

He reaches in and takes out another baseball, only this one is the real McCoy.

BOBBY

A real baseball!

WIDER ANGLE

to reveal Dungeon Master is gone.

BOBBY

Gee, thanks, Dungeon...Master?

PRESTO

He's gone!

BOBBY

Oh, well. How about a night game?

Bobby hefts up the ball, swings, batting it o.s. The others look off at it as it disappears into the night.

ERIC

Going...going...gone!

Bobby reacts with a sad face, having lost another ball. Hank pats Bobby on the head once again.

HANK

Look on the bright side, Bobby...
you're batting a thousand!

As Bobby smiles with sudden pride we...

FADE OUT

THE END